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SUBJ: U.K. RESTRICTIONS ON PORTUGUESE EXPORTS OF CLOTHING

1. ACCORDING TO REUTERS DISPATCH REPRINTED IN LISBON PRESS,
U.K. WILL IMPOSE DUTIES ON CERTAIN CLOTHING IMPORTS FROM PORTUGAL.
OUTER CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL BE ASSESSED
10.6 PERCENT WHILE 6.3 PERCENT WILL BE CHARGED ON INFANT'S
CLOTHING. THE DUTIES WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM JULY 16 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 1975. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE U.K. ACCOUNTS
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FOR THE MAJORITY OF PORTUGUESE CLOTHING EXPORTS TO THE EEC

AND OF A TOTAL 1975 EEC QUOTA OF 961 TONS FROM PORTUGAL, THE U.K. IMPORTED 742 TONS IN ONLY FOUR MONTHS. U.K. OBTAINED APPROVAL OF REST OF EEC FOR MEASURE.

2. AN EDITORIAL NOTE FOLLOWING STORY IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS NOTED THAT MEASURE WAS LEGAL WITHIN CONTEXT OF EEC-PORTUGAL AGREEMENT AND CHIDED PORTUGUESE EXPORTERS FOR BAD PLANNING (SHIPPING EVERYTHING AT ONCE).

3. U.K. EMBASSY REPORTS ARTICLE FACTUALLY CORRECT AND THAT IT SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THUS FAR MILD PRESS REACTION, BOTH IN LISBON AND IN OPORTO AREA, WHERE MOST TEXTILE PLANTS ARE LOCATED. NEW MEASURES ARE IN NO WAY INTENDED AS RETALIATION FOR GOP IMPORT SURTAXES IMPOSED IN JUNE. U.K. WILL ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY LIMITS WITH PORTUGUESE FOR 1976.

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